

# DOCUMENT ANY DISCOMFORT OXYCIDE MIGHT BE CAUSING

Our hospital uses Oxycide, a relatively new cleaning solution that is good at killing bacteria, but has been found to cause discomfort for the people who clean with it. Symptoms include:

- **Headaches**
- **Burning sensation in eyes, nose or throat**
- **Rashes**
- **Difficulty breathing**

Complaints about Oxycide have been made by our fellow NUHW housekeepers in Eureka, as well as workers at other hospitals across the country.

A 2015 federal survey of housekeepers at a Pennsylvania hospital that used Oxycide found that nearly half of them reported nasal irritation and watery eyes. Nearly one-quarter of them complained of asthma-like symptoms.

National health agencies recommend that the product be monitored closely, tested regularly and used sparingly and carefully.

We've heard complaints about Oxycide here, and we want to make sure that any issue is documented and that management addresses our concerns.

## NO ONE SHOULD HAVE TO WORK WITH CHEMICALS THAT MAKE THEM FEEL SICK!

If you find that Oxycide has a very strong smell, gives you a headache, makes your eyes or throat burn, or has any other side effect, contact your organizer Beverly Griffith at 510-978-7454 or [bgriffith@nuhw.org](mailto:bgriffith@nuhw.org).